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The Ruins of the Cloisters of the Abbey of St. Bavon. This ancient abbey is said to have been founded early in the 7th century by St. Amandus, the "Apostle of Flanders," and about twenty years later was enlarged by St. Bavon. It was almost entirely destroyed by the Normans in the middle of the 9th century, but was rebuilt again later, only to be demolished by Charles V., the ruins of the cloisters illustrated herewith being one of the few fragments left of the old building of St. Bavon on the east side of the town, near the Port d'Anvers.

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